

“THE POINT”

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The right stuff for rust

All-purpose cleaners won't remove rust stains from sinks, tubs and toilets, even with a lot of elbow grease. The trick is to use a stain remover like Super Iron Out. Look for a rust stain remover or a product that contains diluted hydrochloric acid. Also labeled as, hydrogen chloride, HCL or muriatic acid. Be careful not to use a product containing bleach – it will set the stain. For toilets, add super iron out to the water in the bowl, then clean with a stiff nylon brush. For sinks and tubs, first wet the surface with water. Apply super iron out to a damp sponge (wear rubber gloves and a mask) Wipe the stain with the sponge until stain is gone, and then rinse thoroughly.



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Why does mold/mildew grow on the inside corners of walls?

Many times I run across rooms in houses where there is mold or mildew that is running up the corners of an interior wall. Typically this is a corner where two exterior walls meet. There are a couple possibilities that come to mind. **#1** poor air circulation, generally your warm air registers are located in front of windows, so they can blow warm dry air over the glass to cut down on condensation. Corners that are located farthest away from this air movement such as in closets become cool and allow moisture to condense.

#2 the problem could be uninsulated framing cavities at the corners or where interior walls meet exterior ones. These areas are supposed to be insulated by the framers at the time of framing. And when the job goes unfinished the cavity is left open. Then during cold weather, the inside wall gets cool, condenses and mildew/mold starts.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Smashed potato chowder

3 ½ lbs. potatoes, peeled & cut into ¾ inch cubes	½ tsp. ground black pepper
¾ cup chopped red or yellow sweet pepper (1 medium)	5 cups chicken broth
1 ½ tsp bottled roasted minced garlic	½ cup whipping cream
Smashed potato chowder	2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (8 oz)
½ cup thinly sliced green onions (4)	½ cup dairy sour cream
8 slices bacon, crisp cooked, drained & coarsely chopped	

In a 4 quart Dutch oven combine potato, sweet pepper, garlic and black pepper. Stir in broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat. Simmer, cover for 20-25 minutes or until potato is tender. Use potato masher to mash potato mixture slightly. Stir in bacon, 1 ½ cups of cheese, whipping cream and green onions, heat through. To serve, ladle soup into bowls and top with sour cream and cheese. Walla ! No more O'Charleys.

Quote of wisdom

“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful”. **ALBERT SCHWEITZER**